

CLAIMS

1. A method of eliminating pollutants contained in an elastomer part, said method being characterized in that it comprises a step of extracting pollutants by immersing the part in a solvent, said solvent being ethanol.
2. A method according to claim 1, in which said extraction step is performed in an extraction column in which the ethanol flows.
3. A method according to claim 1 or claim 2, in which said extraction step is performed at a temperature lying in the range 20°C to 75°C, and preferably in the range 25°C to 70°C.
4. A method according to any preceding claim, in which said extraction step is conducted over a duration lying in the range 1 h to 72 h, and preferably in the range 2 h to 48 h.
5. A method according to any preceding claim, in which said pollutants are pollutants of low molecular weight.
6. A method according to any preceding claim, in which said pollutants are pollutants of high molecular weight.
7. A method according to any preceding claim, in which said elastomer part is a pump gasket.
8. A method according to any preceding claim, in which the ethanol is renewed continuously during the pollutant extraction step.